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SUBJ: STAFFDEL RICHARDSON'S MEETING WITH FONMIN DG DR. ABDURAHMAN
JAMA BARRE, DECEMBER 16, 1976

1. AT 9:45PM DEC 15 GSDR PROTOCOL CHIEF TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO SAY DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD RECEIVE RICHARDSON QUOTE AS SOON AS YOU CAN ARRIVE AT THE MINISTRY UNQUOTE. AMBASSADOR ASKED PROTOCOL CHIEF WHETHER MINISTRY AWARE RICHARDSON NOW DEPARTING MOGADISCIO SUNDAY DEC 19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DCM'S NOTIFICATION TO HEAD OF AMERICAN DEPT. WORD HAD NOT REACHED DG CONSEQUENTLY HE AGREED RECEIVE RICHARDSON TWELVE NOON TODAY.

2. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTIONS BY AMBASSADOR AND WITH HASSAN DAID (HEAD AMERICAN DEPT) PRESENT AS TRANSLATOR RICHARDSON PROCEEDED INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH DG ON MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND WHOLE RANGE OTHER SUBJECTS WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR US/SOMALI BILATERAL RELATIONS. ICILY COOLED BUT OTHERWISE DIPLOMATICALLY CORRECT DG MADE IT CLEAR THAT RICHARDSON'S VISIT HAD OCCURRED AT AN UNPRO- PITIOUS TIME AND THAT UNFORTUNATELY AND IN SPITE OF EARLIER COM- MUNICATIONS TO EMBASSY IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE ANY MEETINGS WITH GSDR OFFICIALS. DG SAID THAT IN THE FUTURE GSDR WOULD WELCOME MEETINGS WITH SENAT COMMITTEE REPS. RICHARDSON'S MENTION OF SENATOR HUMPREY'S VISIT TO SOMALIA (AS VICE PRESIDENT) AND SENATOR CLARK'S CURRENT CONCERN WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS WAS DULY NOTED BUT FAILED MELT ICEBERG. DG STATED THAT GSDR AWARE SENATOR CLARK'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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COMING TO SOMALIA BECAUSE OF CURRENT STATE OF US/GSDR RELATIONS AND INSTEAD WAS SENDING HIS QTE COUNSELLOR UNQTE. RICHARDSON INFORMED DG THAT BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE SENATOR HAD NEVER MADE SUCH STATEMENT.

COMMENT: DG IN SPITE RICHARDSON/AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS REFUSED

ENGAGE IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. EMBASSY BAFFLED BY GSDR ACTION. MOHAMED SCERIF (ACTING DG DURING JAMA BARRE'S PRESENCE UNGA), HASSAN KAID AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAD PREVIOUSLY LET US KNOW OF ADDOU'S INVITATION TO SENATOR CLARK AND RICHARDSON AND WERE AWARE IMPORTANCE MEMBERS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE, AND HAD BOTH ORALLY AND BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE INDICATED THAT SUITABLE PROGRAM WOULD BE PREPARED FOR RICHARDSON. OUR PRESENT REACTION IS THAT GSDR UNPREPARED UNTIL PRESIDENT ELECT CARTER TAKES HIS OATH OF OFFICE CONDUCT DIALOGUE WITH US. THIS HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY RICHARDSON. LOUGHRAN

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